



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Jean-Luc CHAMBRIN et al.  
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For: METHOD FOR LIMITING THE MAINTENANCE  
LOADS APPLIED TO A FUEL ASSEMBLY OF A  
NUCLEAR REACTOR AND FUEL ASSEMBLY  
Art Unit: 3663  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 8, 2008 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.